

I am very upset  
about Pappas  
Telecasting  
Companies'  
'donation' of  
\$325,000 in airtime  
to Republican  
candidates. This is  
just another example  
of a large, powerful  
media group abusing  
its access to the  
"public" airwaves.

When the bigwigs at  
corporate  
headquarters decide  
who gets a louder  
voice than others in  
local elections,  
they are able to  
influence those  
elections. This  
makes it difficult  
or even impossible  
in some areas for  
people to hear both  
sides of the debates  
and thus, to make  
any kind of informed  
choice. This is  
completely  
destructive to the  
notion of democracy  
and free and fair  
elections.

Pappas uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. Pappas'  
actions are legally  
questionable and  
cast doubt on  
whether Pappas truly  
intends to serve the  
public interest.  
Their actions show  
why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them.  
Further, they show  
why the license  
renewal process

needs to involve  
more than just a  
returned postcard.  
Thank you.